

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An air bag system comprising:

an inflator,

5 a folded air bag inflated to be deployed into a passenger compartment of a vehicle by a gas produced by the inflator at the time of collision,

a retainer supporting the air bag and the inflator, and

10 a restricting member coupling a plurality of apex portions of the polygonal air bag and the retainer together, wherein

the inflation of the air bag to the maximum capacity thereof is restricted by the restricting member in an earlier stage of deployment, and

15 in a later stage of deployment, when an internal pressure of the air bag increases to a predetermined value or higher, the restricting member breaks or extends so as to allow the air bag to be inflated to the maximum capacity thereof.

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2. The air bag system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the plurality of apex portions of the polygonal air bag are respectively folded towards a central portion of the air bag.

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3. The air bag system as set forth in claim 1, wherein  
the plurality of apex portions of the polygonal air  
bag are respectively pushed inwardly towards a central  
5 portion of the air bag.